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ROME, SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4; MIDDLE EAST-RELATED MATTERS

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1. EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONCLUDED TWO DAY ROME MEETING IN EARLY EVENING SEPTEMBER 4. THIS AND CONCURRENT TELEGRAMS SUMMARIZE THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (TO EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO CONVENE IN VENICE ON SEPTEMBER 11) AS GIVEN US BY MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PLAJA AND OF OTHER MFA SOURCES.

2. ARAB/ISRAEL. GIVEN THE CURRENT FAST-BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR LACK OF UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, THE DIRECTORS AVOIDED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION, LEAVING POSSIBLE ACTION (A PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBILITY) TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN VENICE SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12.

3. ISRAEL IN THE UN. DIRECTORS FOUND RESULTS OF LIMA CONFERENCE "NOT HEARTENING" FOR EXTREMISTS, AND NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES HAD RESISTED EXTREME POSITIONS. THE DIRECTORS EXAMINED THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE TEXT OF THE LIMA DECLARATION AND CONCLUDED THAT "IF REPEAT IF THE ARABS STICK TO" THAT TEXT, THE PROBLEM IS WELL UNDER CONTROL. NEVERTHELESS THEY BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE PROBLEM UNDER SURVEILLANCE AND BE WARY THAT THE ARABS DIDN'T TRY TO DO SOMETHING LATE IN THE UNGA SESSION WHEN WE MIGHT BE RELAXED.

4. EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE. THERE WAS "NO MOVEMENT AND NO PRACTICAL DISCUSSION" ON THE DIALOGUE SINCE THE NINE ARE AWAITING AN ARAB LEAGUE PROPOSAL ON THE TIMING OF THE NEXT MEETING, AMBASSADOR PLAJA ASSUMED THAT MEETING WOULD AGAIN BE AT EXPERT LEVEL BUT NOTED THAT ARABS COULD STILL PROPOSE MEETING OF GENERAL COMMISSION (REF A).

5. FINANCIAL AID TO EGYPT. AS WIDELY PREDICTED, DIRECTORS SIMPLY ENDORSED EXPERT FINING OF POLITICAL DESIRABILITY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORTIVE OF EGYPT'S ECONOMIC STABILITY. HOWEVER THIS DISCUSSION AND SUBSEQUENT MINISTERIAL APPROVAL WILL PROVIDE "EUROPEAN" COVER BY THE NINE FOR BILATERAL AID ARRANGEMENTS. FRG ANNOUNCED IT IS READY TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH \$50 MILLION IN AID. UK SAID ITS CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE "SYMBOLIC". FRANCE SAID IT WOULD PROVIDE A "CERTAIN AMOUNT" (ITALY UNDERSTANDS THIS TO BE IN LOW END OF \$25 TO 40 MILLION RANGE). NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK SAID THEY WERE ALREADY

DOING A LOT FOR EGYPT, AND ITALY SAID IT WAS NOT FINANCIALLY
ABLE TO HELP OUT.

6. ISRAEL AND UNESCO. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETER-
MINE THAT DAVIGNON RAISED THE ISRAEL/UNESCO ISSUE (REF B).
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